

REPORT OF SEIDELL MONTH OF AUGUST

1915 Records Have Been Figured and Returned to About Half of Co-operators for That Year

F. M. Seidell, Box Butte county agricultural agent, has rendered the following report for the month of August to members of the Box Butte county Farmers' Association:

The work of the past month was very much of the same nature as the month of July. It has been chiefly along the lines of adopted projects.

Farm Management

The records of the 1915 season

have been figured and have been returned in person to about half of the co-operators. There is a great contrast between the labor incomes of 1914, an unfavorable season, and 1915, a very favorable season. The average labor income of the 61 co-operating and representative farms was \$1,206 as compared to \$30 in 1914. Labor incomes varied from \$4,586 to (minus) -\$384 as compared to \$2,350 to a (minus) -\$1,700 in 1914. These summaries are returned in a four-page pamphlet form. The first page gives an explanation of how the record is figured. The second page has a statement of the respective farm business. On the third and fourth pages there is a comparison of the farm in question with all the co-operating farms on the basis of farm area and

labor incomes for the seasons 1914 and 1915 respectively. This is shown graphically and the comparisons are plain. Those co-operators who have not yet received this summary report may do so by calling at this office or at the time of the first farm call. An extra page for recording the value of farm products used in the home has been added to the record books. For the most part the co-operators are progressing nicely in the keeping of the record books. Some assistance has been given co-operators in this work during the past month.

Boys' and Girls' Club Work

About 25 boys and girls, members of the different clubs, were visited by State Club Leader L. T. Skinner, and the county agent during the month. They were found for the greater part doing a most creditable class of work. In every case where the boys and girls had parental sympathy they were doing the best work. The different clubs held meetings during the past month and decided to continue the club meetings as long as weather permits.

The club members will display their products at the county fair. The Fair Association is to be congratulated upon their generosity to this important phase of education. From all appearances the club members' potatoes are far above the average of the county and it can be assured that their display at the fair will be up to expectation. Many members of the different clubs are doing work that will place them among the best in the state. The club work was presented to the teachers of the county at the Institute.

Demonstrations with Potatoes

Field observations were made on a few of the demonstration plots which will be dug at regular digging time.

Oats Smut Control

Some oats smut counts of the past month:

John L. Wiltsey, treated—trace.

J. E. Sheldon, treated—2 1/2 per cent (1915 U. T. 17 per cent).

Luke Phillips, treated—trace (untreated—3 per cent).

A. S. Enyeart, 100 acres, treated—0 per cent.

L. F. Leavitt, untreated—11 per cent.

M. C. Beaumont, treated—0 per cent (untreated—3 per cent).

L. S. Wright, treated—0 per cent (untreated—3 per cent).

Harry Pierce, treated—trace.

C. L. Powell (reported), treated—0 per cent.

In the fourteen treated fields and part fields the average smut was 5 per cent. In the seven untreated fields and part fields the average smut was 7.5 per cent. In other words there was twelve and one-half times as much smut in the untreated oats as in the treated oats.

The Box Butte County Fair

The Box Butte county fair will be held September 27-29 at Alliance. Some graphic work showing the Farmers' Association projects including the Boys' and Girls' Club work will be displayed. Everyone is expected to contribute toward making the fair a success by your presence and the placing of some of your products on display. A county is judged largely by the county fair. The Farmers' Association is interested in the county fair, for it offers an educational opportunity to the boys and girls of the farm and to the members as well, especially along the lines of improving our livestock and raising the standard of Box Butte potatoes.

Potato Market News Service

Any one desiring the official daily market news bulletin on potatoes issued by the U. S. department of Markets and which gives correct market conditions and prices in every market center along with shipments from every potato section, may receive this service by filling in the blank and returning to this office. This work is supported by taxation and should be used by the people. This publication could be sent free to the regular mailing list, but if it is not worth asking for it certainly would be uneconomical distribution to send it to you without notice on your part.

Some tabulated work of the county agent during month of August:

Farms visited by agent	69
Agricultural calls at office	47
Telephone calls at office	63
Personal letters written	214
Circular letters issued	397
Demonstrations visited	26
Farm records returned	24
Indoor meetings	4
Attendance	70
Field meetings	1
U. S. Bulletins distributed	6
Press articles written	4
Farm laborers placed	1
Cattle treated for diseases	75
Extension specialists in the county	2
Days in office	8 1/2
Days in field	18 1/2
Miles by auto	1045

F. M. SEIDELL,
County Agricultural Agent

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COURT HEARS WATER SUIT

In the United States Circuit of Appeals, now in session in Denver will be decided the water suit involving Colorado and Nebraska farmers' rights.

Arguments were heard in this case which is known as the case of Aldebert A. Welland, as state engineer of Colorado, against the Pioneer Irrigation company.

This is the dispute between Colorado and the state of Nebraska over the diverting of the water in Republican river, eighteen miles of which flows through Colorado, and twenty-four miles through Nebraska.

The suit involves the question as to whether or not a state has the right to appropriate for its own use the waters of an interstate stream. An adverse decision would entail serious loss to farmers in the northern part of Colorado.

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